

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee on Government Accountability and Audit

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

3:35 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chairman:** **CM Downard**
 Vice Chair: **CM Bryant-Hamilton**
 Members: **CM Fleming, CM Kramer, and CM Welch**

Also Present: **CM Heiner**

Absent: **CM Ward-Pugh (Excused) and CM Blackwell**

Chairman Downard began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion - Representatives of the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to discuss grants with Metro Louisville and affects on housing:

Chairman Downard gave a brief review of what the Committee has been discussing during the past few meetings. For the next two meetings the Committee will have discussion regarding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Virginia Peck, Director of the HUD Community Planning and Development Division, spoke regarding what Federal Funds her office is responsible for handling. Handouts were given to the Committee Members. (Attached) The following was discussed:

- Community Planning and Development Programs Administered in the Louisville HUD Field Office
- Special Needs Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Emergency Shelter Grants
- Staff of 6 in the Field Office
- Funding Summary for Louisville Metro
- Public Housing
- Fair Housing Programs
- Multi-Family Programs
- Single Family Programs
- The main programs that come through Louisville Metro Government
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 - Home Program
 - American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)
 - Emergency Shelter Grants
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
 - Continue of Care Supportive Housing Programs
- The HUD Department characterizes relationships with grantees as a partnership
- Objective is to develop and maintain viable communities
- The HUD Departments primary objective is to make sure that the low and moderate income persons who are supposed to benefit from the programs are getting the benefit, that the dollars are wisely used, and there is no undo benefit to anyone who is not suppose to get the benefit
- The Community Development Block Grant Program is most used
- Consolidated Plan
 - CDBG, Home Program, Emergency Shelter Grants Program, and HOPWA
 - Help communities to use the funds in an effective fashion because often a project may take more that one source of money
 - HUD responsibilities
 - Reviews the consolidated plan

- Approve the plan
 - last for 3 to 5 years
 - Make grant award
 - Enter into an agreement which is from January 1 to December 31
 - Developed to pull resources together and identify other resource funding
- Yearly Action plan is submitted to HUD, reviewed and approved
- Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS)
 - Grantee enters information into IDIS
 - HUD has access to some screens in the IDIS
 - Reconciliation
 - IDIS does not always coincide because it is not an accounting system
 - There needs to be communication between the Finance Department and people who enter information into IDIS
 - Open Activities report
 - IDIS Data Cleanup
 - Sometimes there are glitches in IDIS
 - IDIS Reports
- Letter of Credit System (LOCS)
- Training
- Reconciliation should be done through the Metro Financial System
- Minutes: Notice of Funding Availability
- Funding through Competitive Programs
- Louisville is aggressive for applying for grants
- Louisville is one of the few Communities that have Home Ownership Zone
- Should set 15% of the funding aside for Community Housing Development Organizations
- Formula Funding and Competitive Grants
- Community Development Block Grant Grants have lowered in their formula allocation
 - Louisville Metro is largest participant in Kentucky
- Findings from Audit
- On sight monitoring
- Louisville has not had a HUD audit
- Wellness check of Louisville Metro Programs
- Ineligible Activities - usually have to repay, but is not lost - would have to cover with Metro's general revenue funds but would come back in Metro's Letter of Credit to be reprogrammed to eligible activities
- Three national objectives
 - Benefit low or moderate income persons
 - Elimination of slums and blight
 - Meet another urgent need
- Operating Subsidies

Without objection the Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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